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IRON MAN



Iron Man and Korvac have been locked in conflict, with Iron Man suffering grievous injuries that led to an addiction to morphine to ease his pain. In the midst of their battles, Iron Man and Korvac both gained vast new powers after being exposed to the Power Cosmic, resulting in Korvac's imprisonment by the celestial being Eternity.

When Iron Man chose to relinquish his new powers, the devastating physical consequences of his addiction returned in full force. At the same time, Korvac escaped captivity and returned to Earth, seeking his revenge. An ailing Tony appealed to Korvac's buried humanity, and rather than kill him, Korvac took Tony to a hospital for help.

Later, Hellcat drove Tony to rehab, where they parted ways and Tony committed to treatment.

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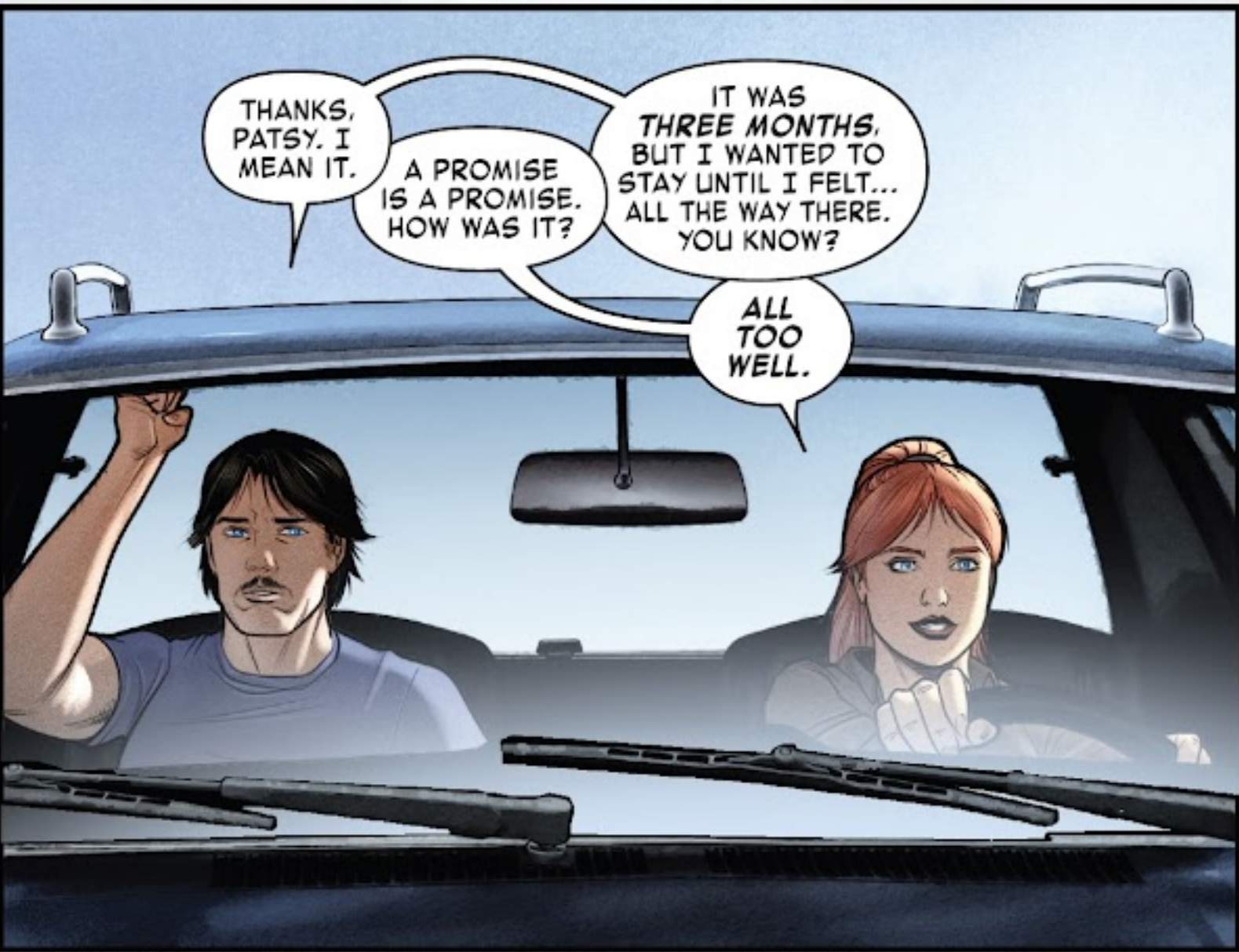
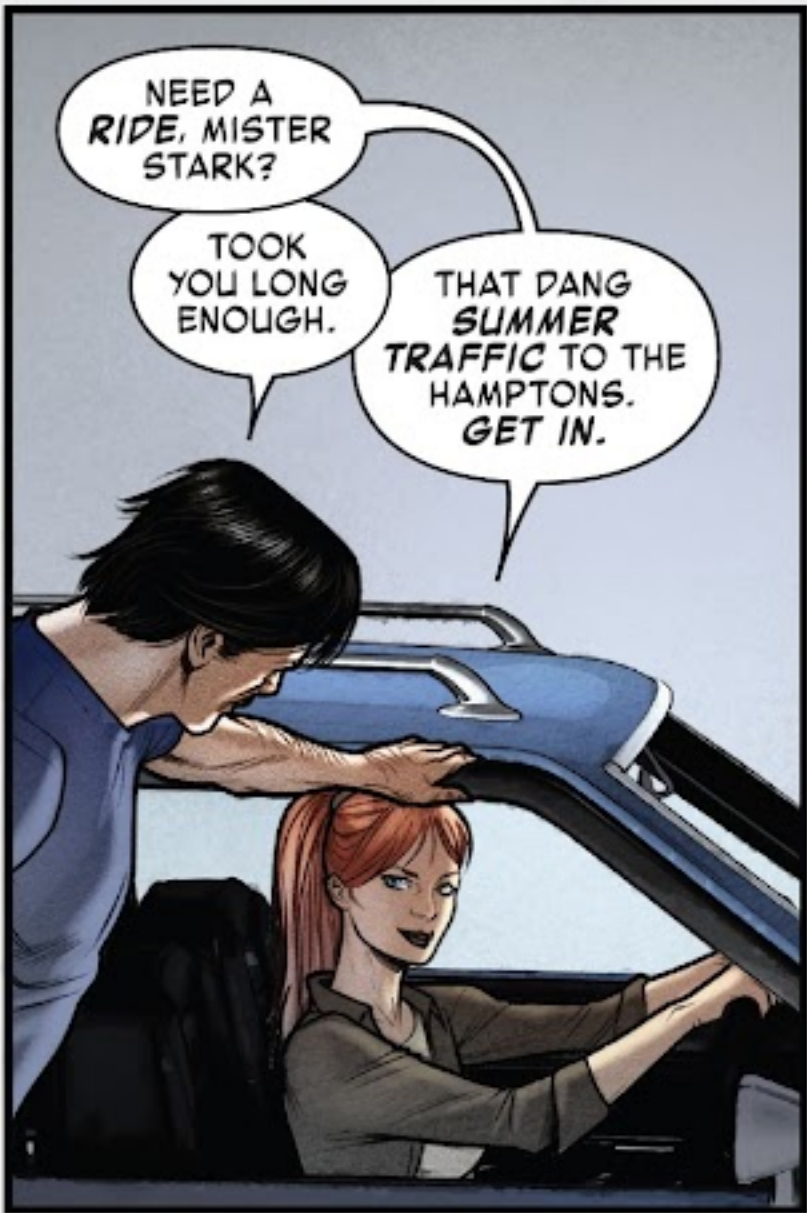
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"SPEAKING OF WHICH, I WAS HOPING YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF WE STOPPED TO WATCH THE METS GAME. MY **BULLPEN LEADER'S** STARTING ON THE MOUND AND RHODEY'S FOUR AND FIVE HITTERS COULD GO OFF LIKE **GANGBUSTERS.**"



THIS PLACE HAS **GREAT WINGS**, YOU SHOULD SEE IT DURING A **BILLS** GAME--

SEE, **THIS** IS WHAT'S AMAZING ABOUT **ROENICK**--HE'S NOT AFRAID OF THE **TWO-SEAM** EVEN WITH **THREE ON.**



I JUST DON'T SEE **DOMINGUEZ** GETTING ONE OFF OF HIM, HE DOESN'T HAVE THE **BAT** FOR IT...

C'MON! THAT WAS **INSIDE**. THANKS FOR **LOADING THE COUNT**, UMP, NO **PRESSURE...**



HEY, I... **WROTE THIS** TO YOU. I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL WE GOT BACK TO THE CITY TO GIVE IT TO YOU, BUT...**HERE**. CAN YOU, **UM...**READ IT?

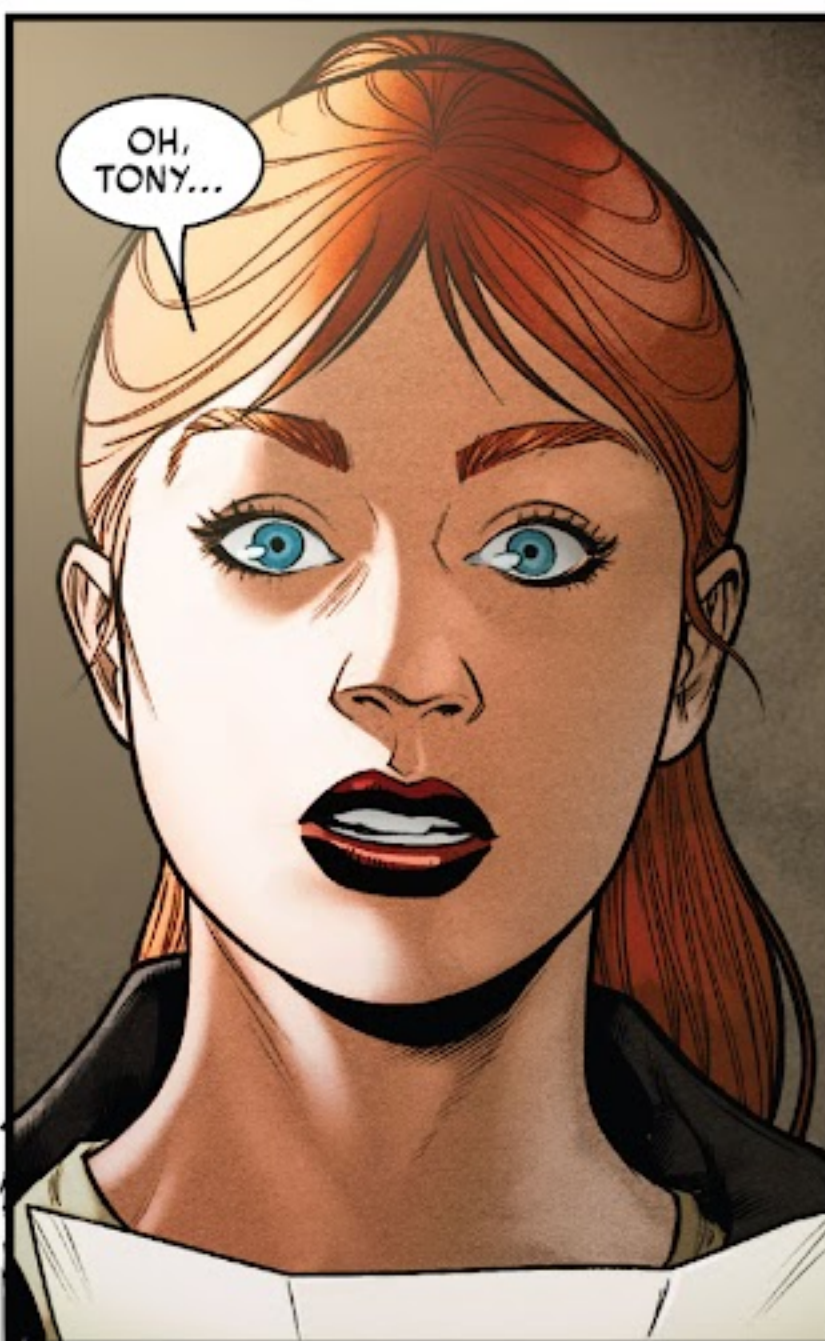
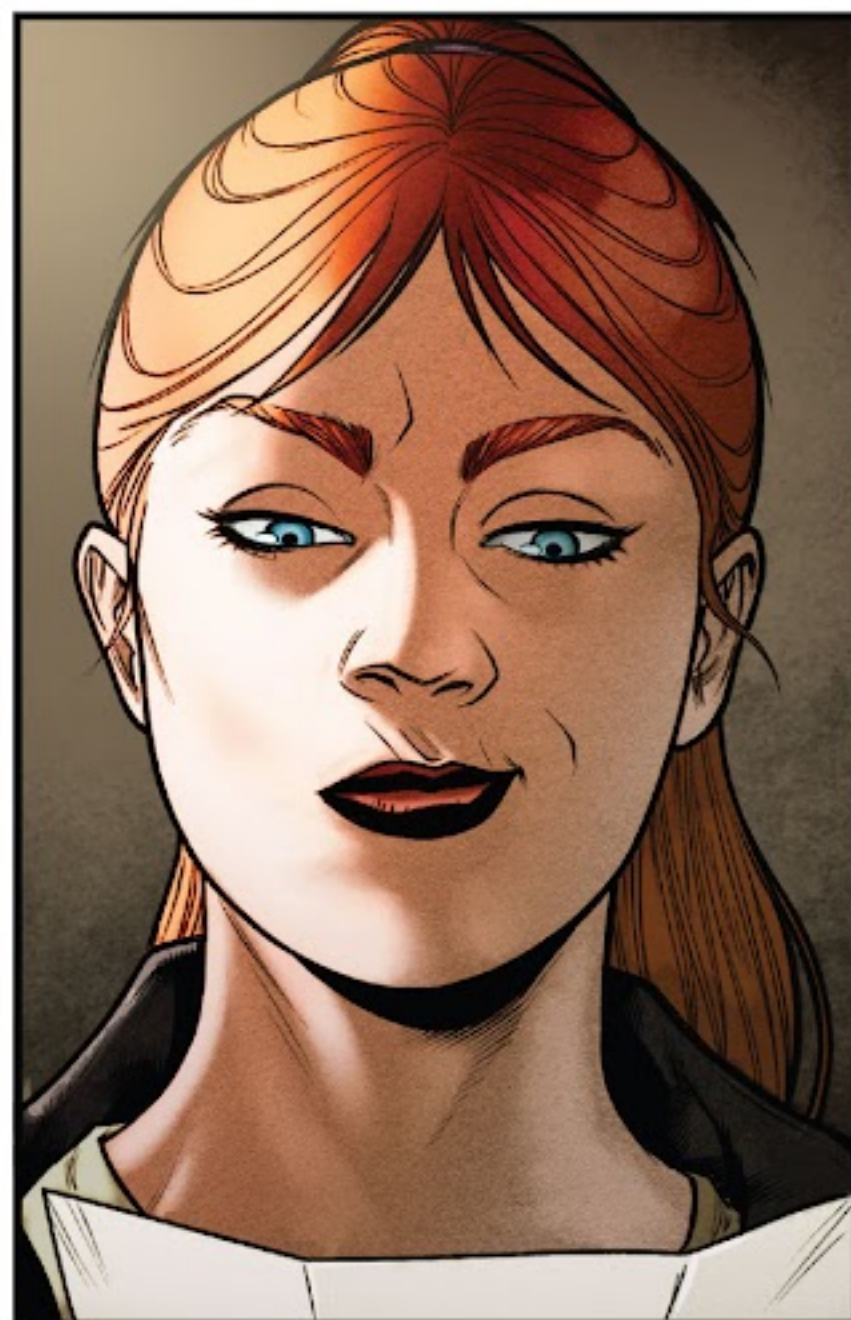
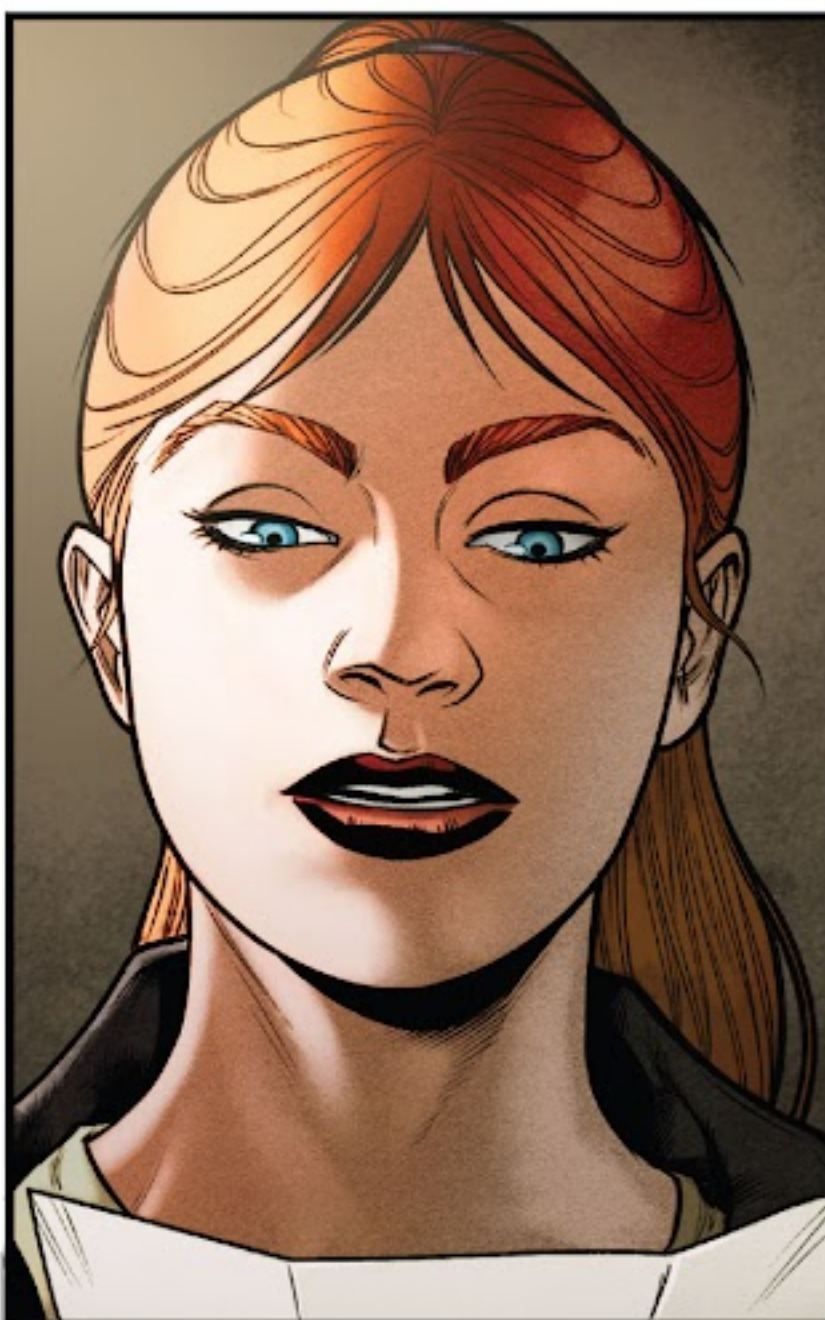
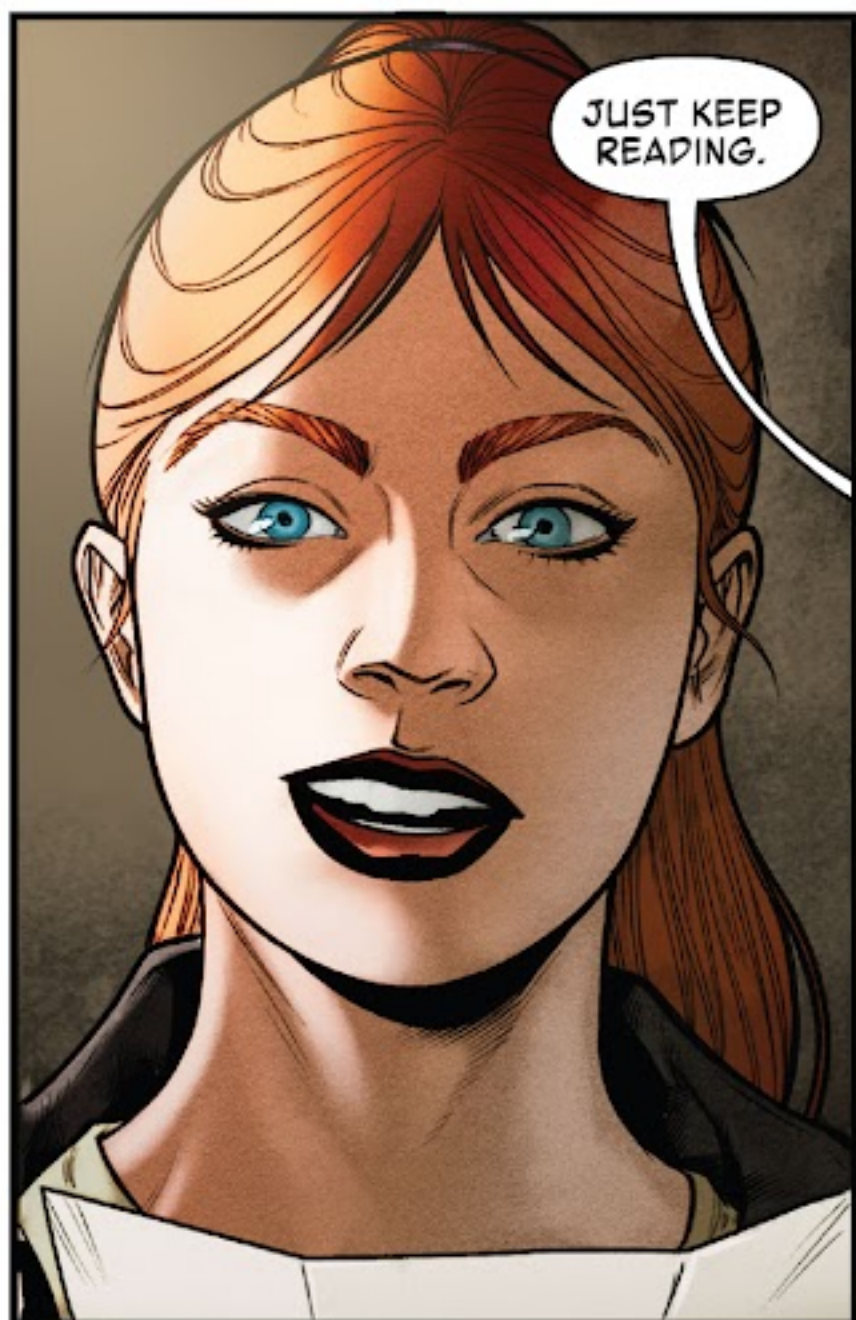
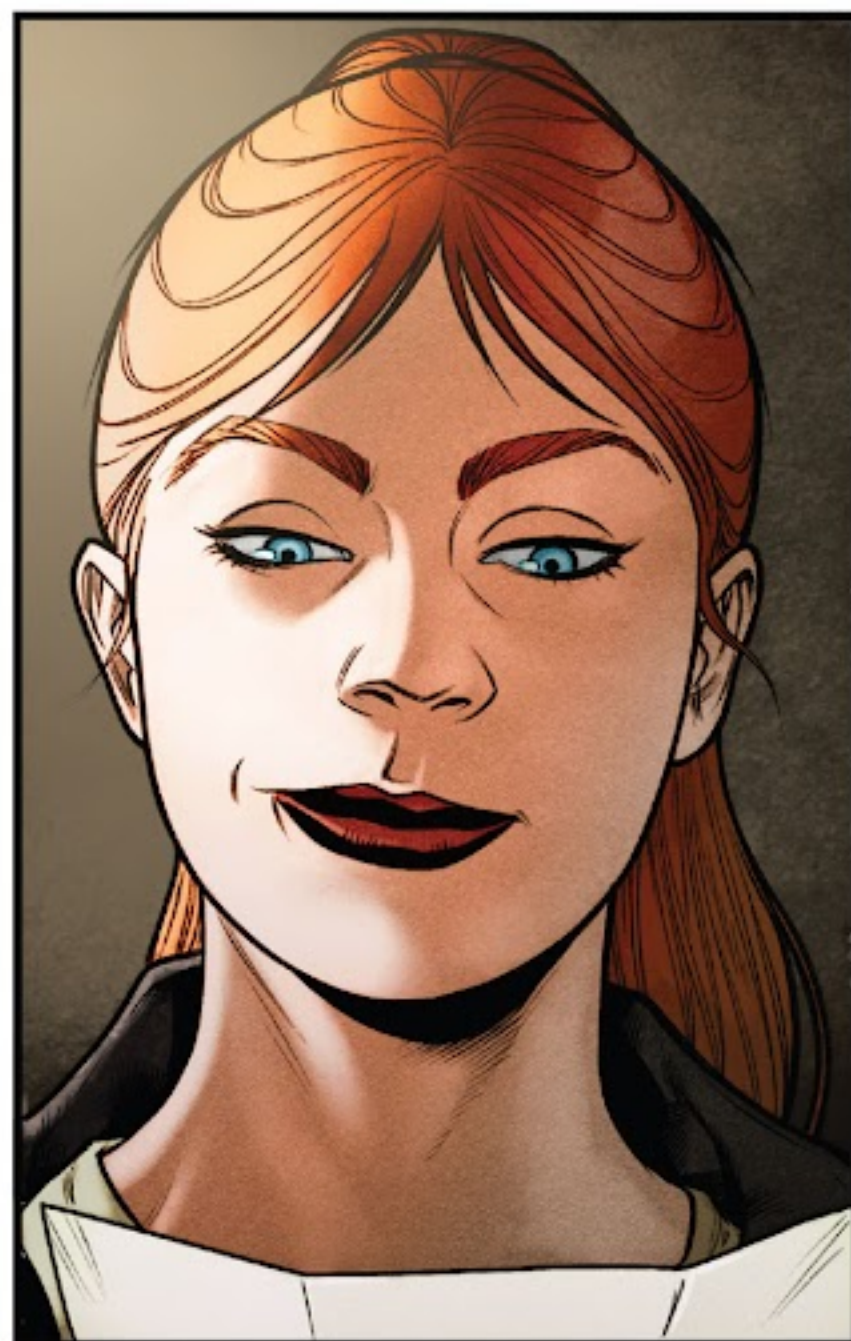
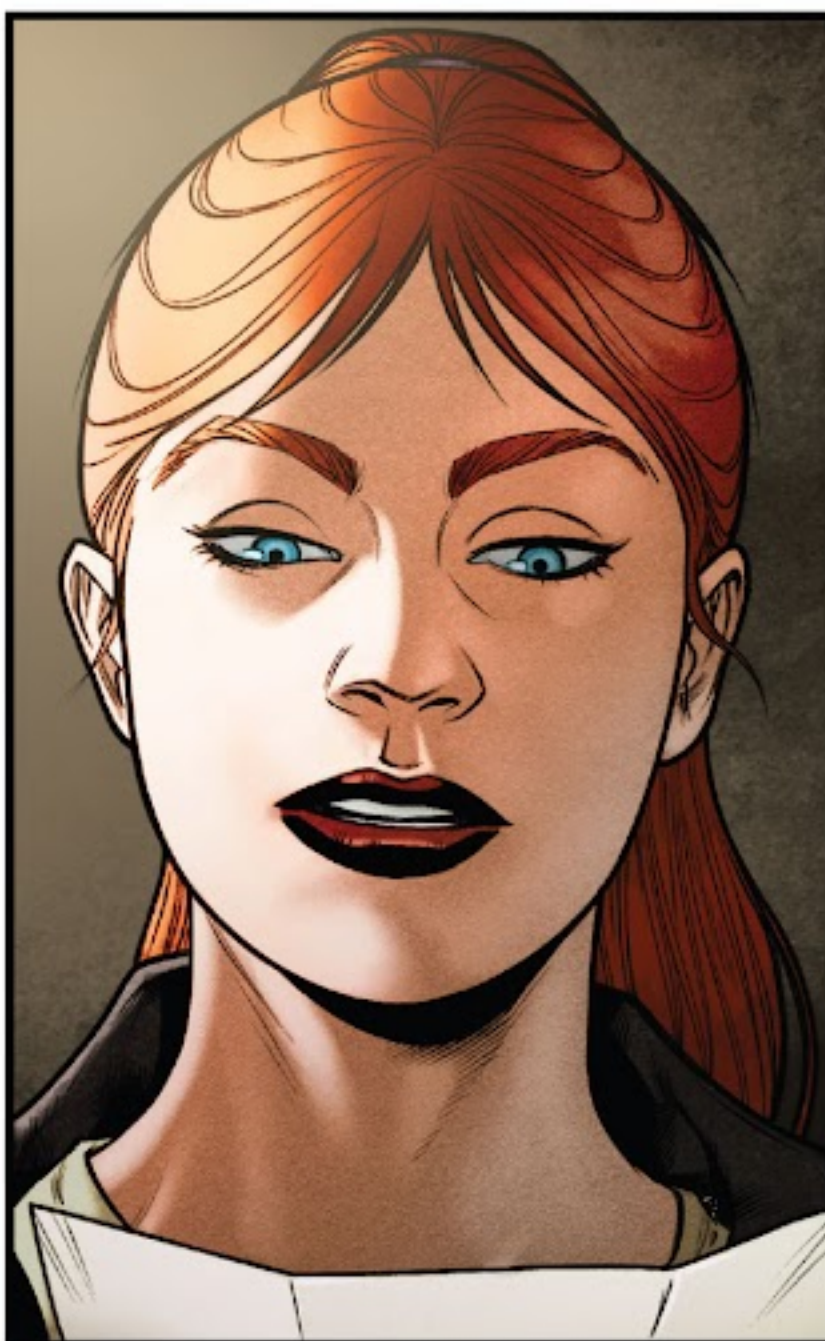


NOW?

YEAH, IS THAT **OKAY?**



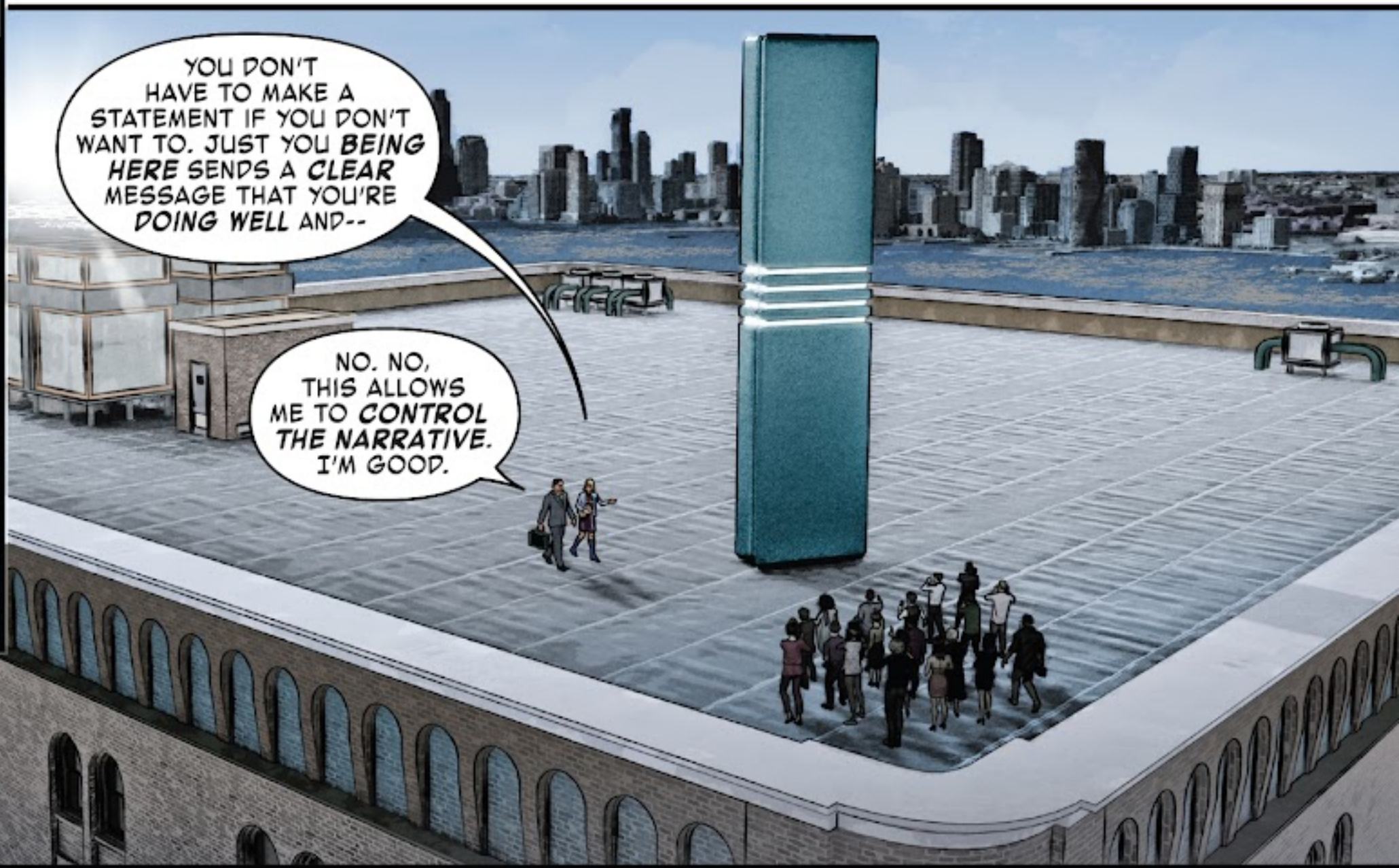
UH... **SURE...**







MISTER STARK,
THEY'RE
READY...



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO MAKE A
STATEMENT IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO. JUST YOU **BEING
HERE** SENDS A **CLEAR
MESSAGE** THAT YOU'RE
DOING WELL AND--

NO. NO,
THIS ALLOWS
ME TO **CONTROL
THE NARRATIVE.**
I'M GOOD.



GOOD MORNING,
EVERYONE.
BEAUTIFUL DAY,
ISN'T IT?

THANK YOU
ALL FOR JOINING
US AT THE UNVEILING
OF THE LATEST STARK
UNLIMITED SUPER-
COMPUTER--

--THE **EXASCALE
5150**. IT'S CURRENTLY
RUNNING OFF **SOLAR POWER**
WITH **HYDROGEN CELL** BACKUPS--
AND EXECUTING **TEN-TO-THE-
EIGHTEENTH POWER** FLOATING
POINT OPERATIONS
PER SECOND.



IT'S POWERING **EVERY** COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM WITHIN
EIGHT BLOCKS, GOVERNING **ALL** UTILITY USAGE IN THAT
AREA, PERFORMING **NINETEEN BILLION LARGE-SCALE
MOLECULAR DYNAMICS SIMULATIONS** IN PARALLEL
AND BROADCASTING **THREE GIGABITS-PER-
SECOND WI-FI** TO ALL OF TRIBECA
FOR **FREE**.

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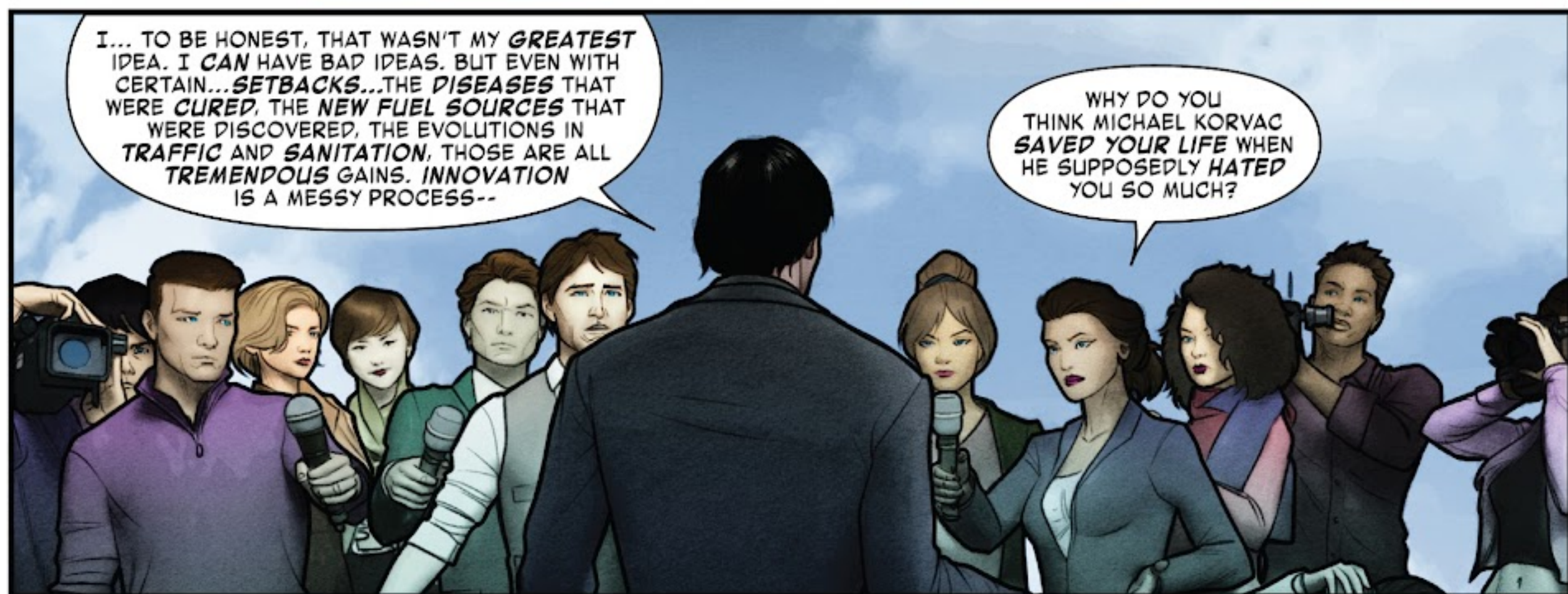
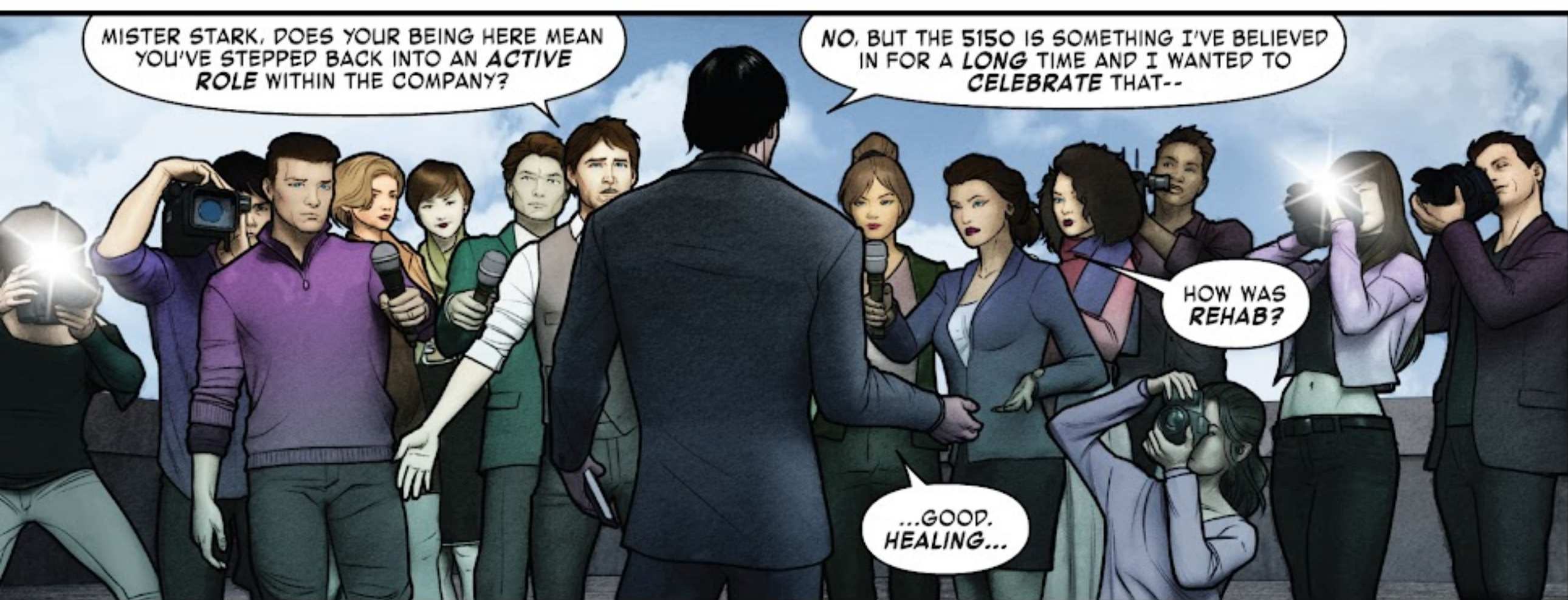


Vic Martinelli
Calling



AND THIS
MORNING, IT'S
SIMULTANEOUSLY GOING
TO WIN A TIMED GAME OF
MASTER-LEVEL CHESS
AGAINST A **FIERCE**
OPPONENT.

ANY
QUESTIONS?

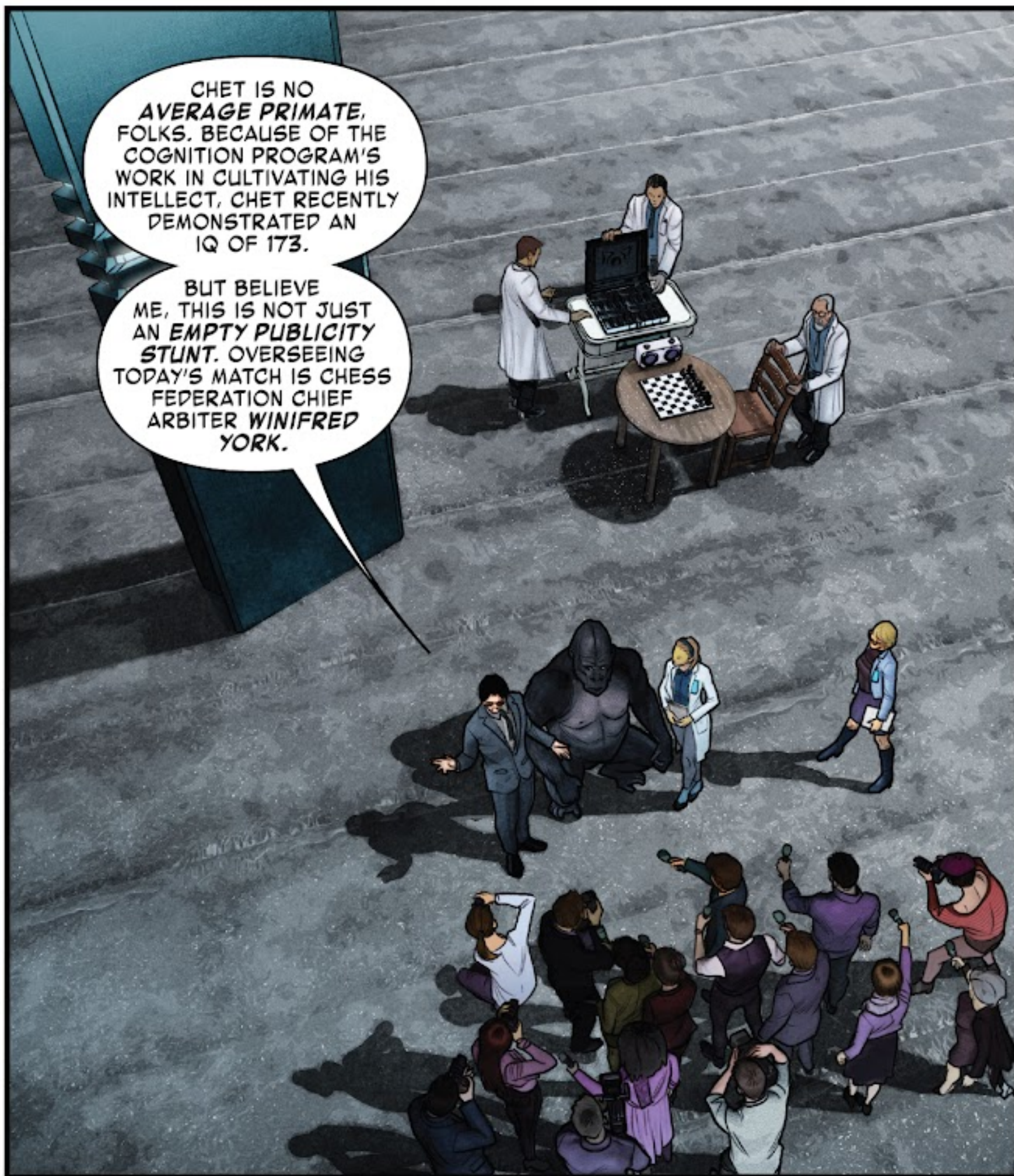




LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE **PRIDE AND JOY** OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY'S ADVANCED ZOOLOGICAL COGNITION PROGRAM...

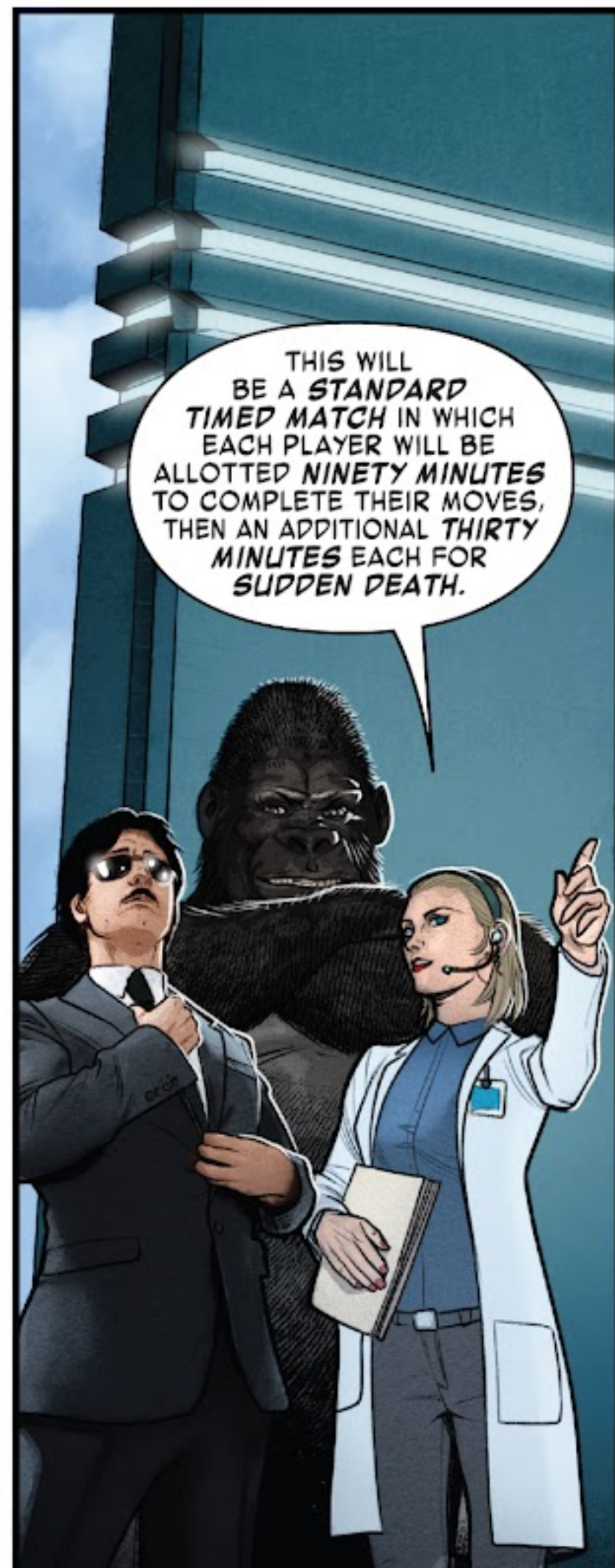


...CHET THE GORILLA.

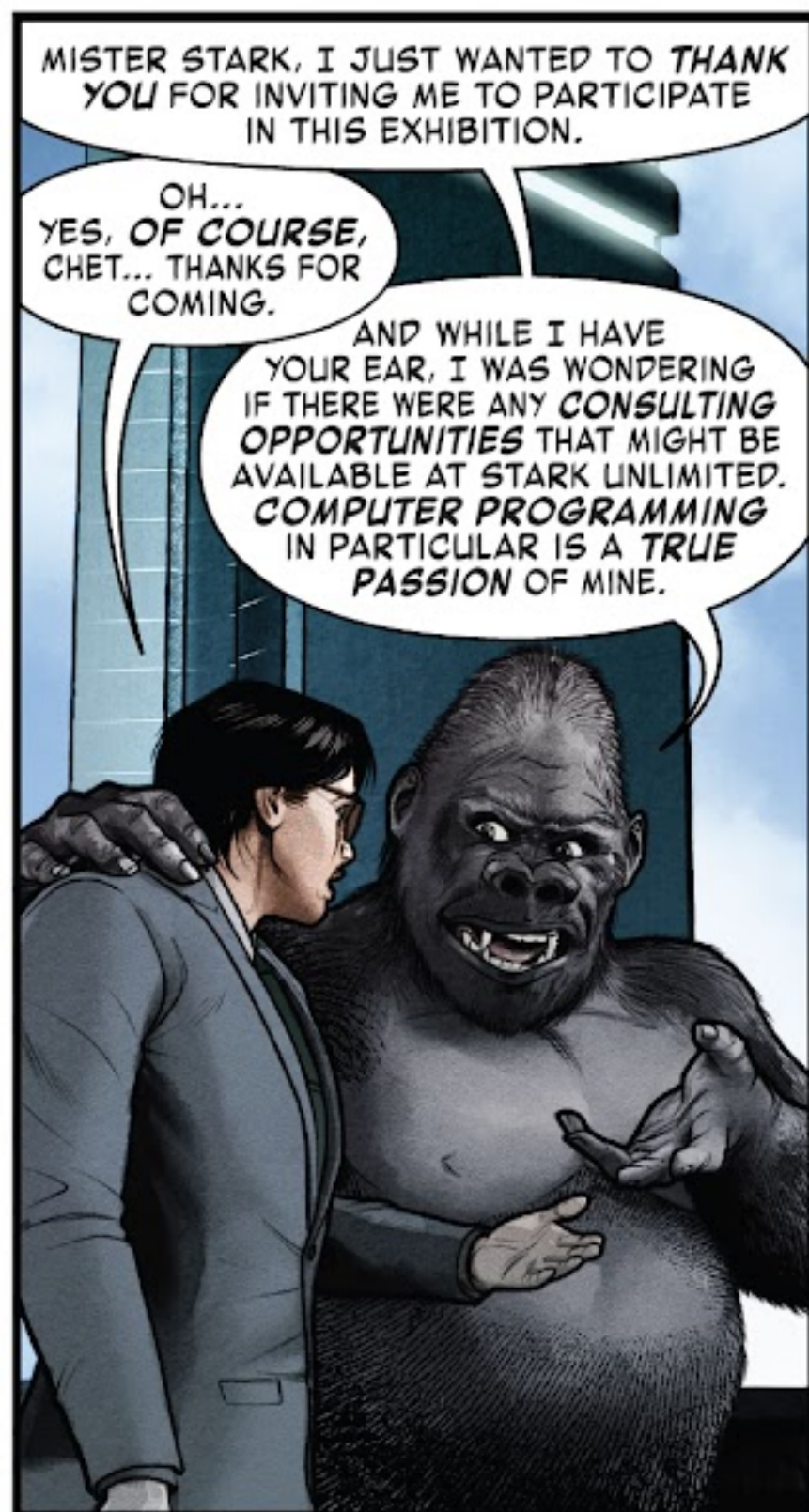


CHET IS NO **AVERAGE PRIMATE**, FOLKS. BECAUSE OF THE COGNITION PROGRAM'S WORK IN CULTIVATING HIS INTELLECT, CHET RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED AN IQ OF 173.

BUT BELIEVE ME, THIS IS NOT JUST AN **EMPTY PUBLICITY STUNT**. OVERSEEING TODAY'S MATCH IS CHESS FEDERATION CHIEF ARBITER WINIFRED YORK.



THIS WILL BE A **STANDARD TIMED MATCH** IN WHICH EACH PLAYER WILL BE ALLOTTED **NINETY MINUTES** TO COMPLETE THEIR MOVES, THEN AN ADDITIONAL **THIRTY MINUTES** EACH FOR **SUDDEN DEATH**.





COME ON. THIS IS **TONY STARK** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. HE'S NOT A **DEMON**, PATSY. GET OVER IT.

RIGHT, BUT HE DID BECOME A **COSMIC ENTITY** AND **KILL SEVEN** OF HIS FRIENDS.*

*IN **IRON MAN #17**.
--TOM



WELL...SIX FRIENDS AND **DOCTOR DOOM**.



BUT HE DID BRING THEM ALL **BACK TO LIFE** AND **APOLOGIZE**. THAT COUNTS FOR **SOMETHING**. RIGHT?

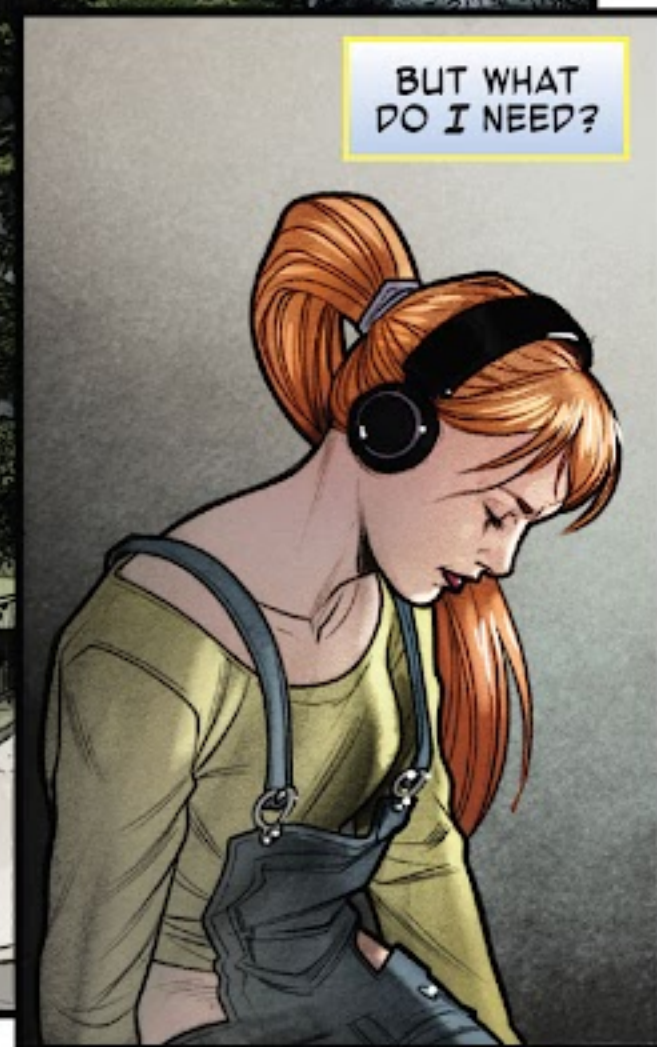


MORE IMPORTANTLY...
DO YOU REALLY LOVE HIM?

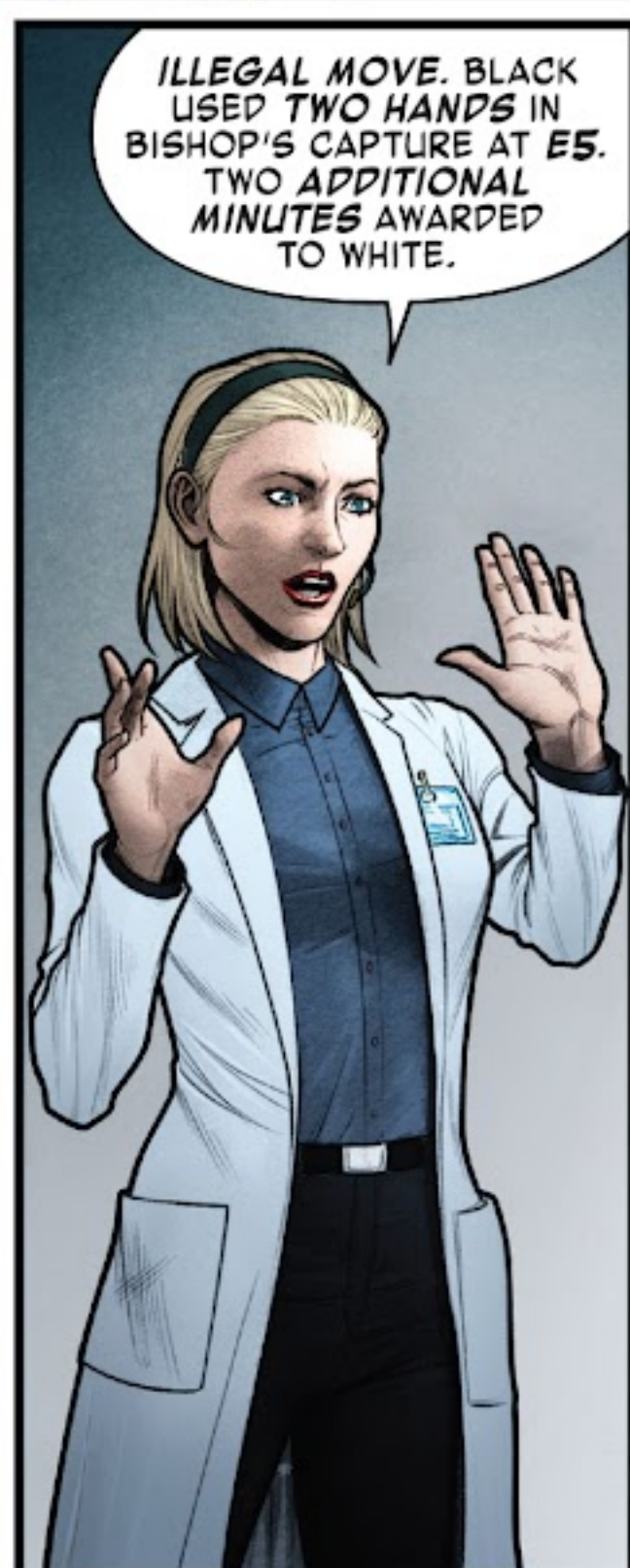
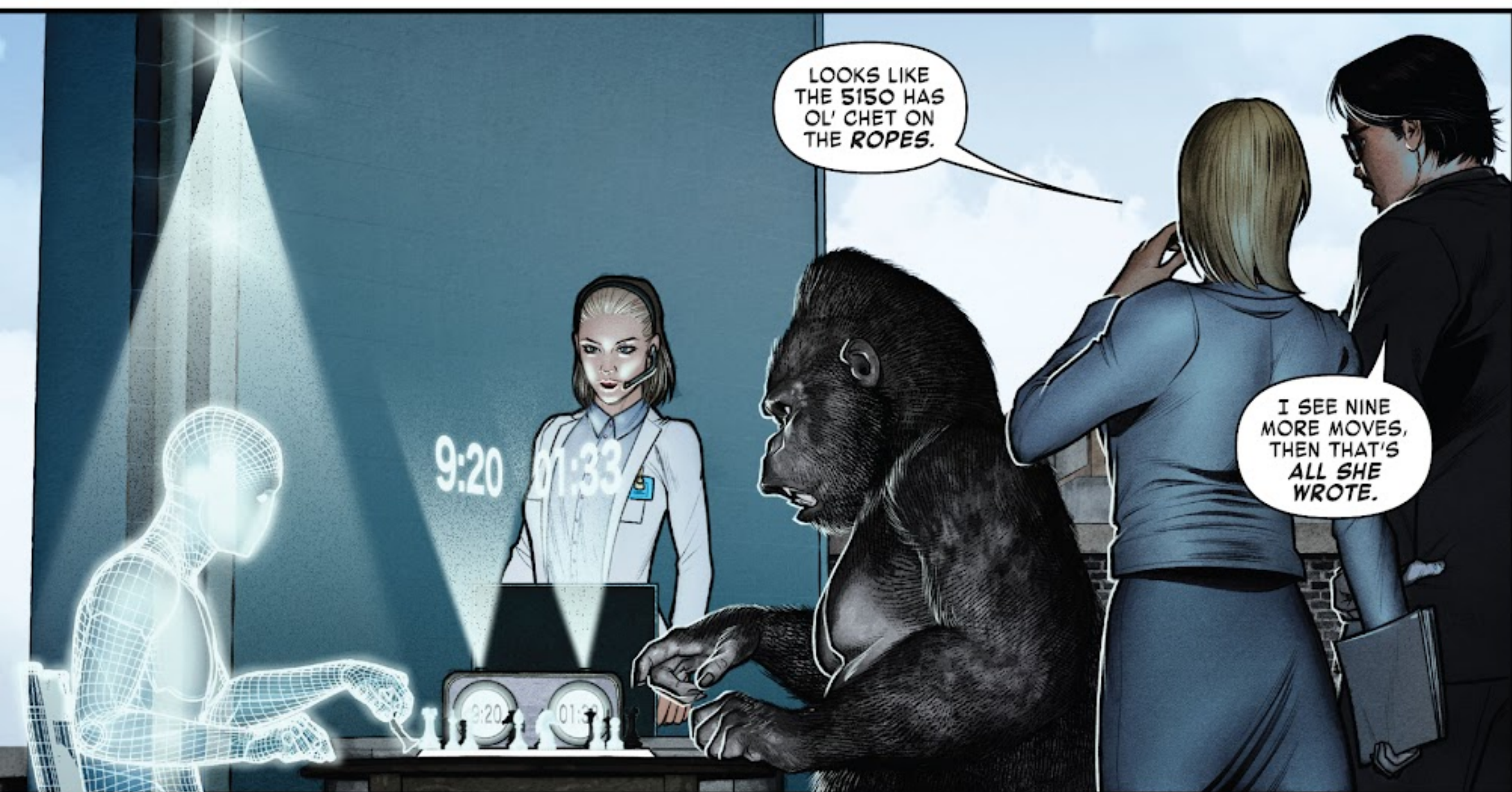


OR DO YOU JUST LOVE TRYING TO **FIX HIM?**

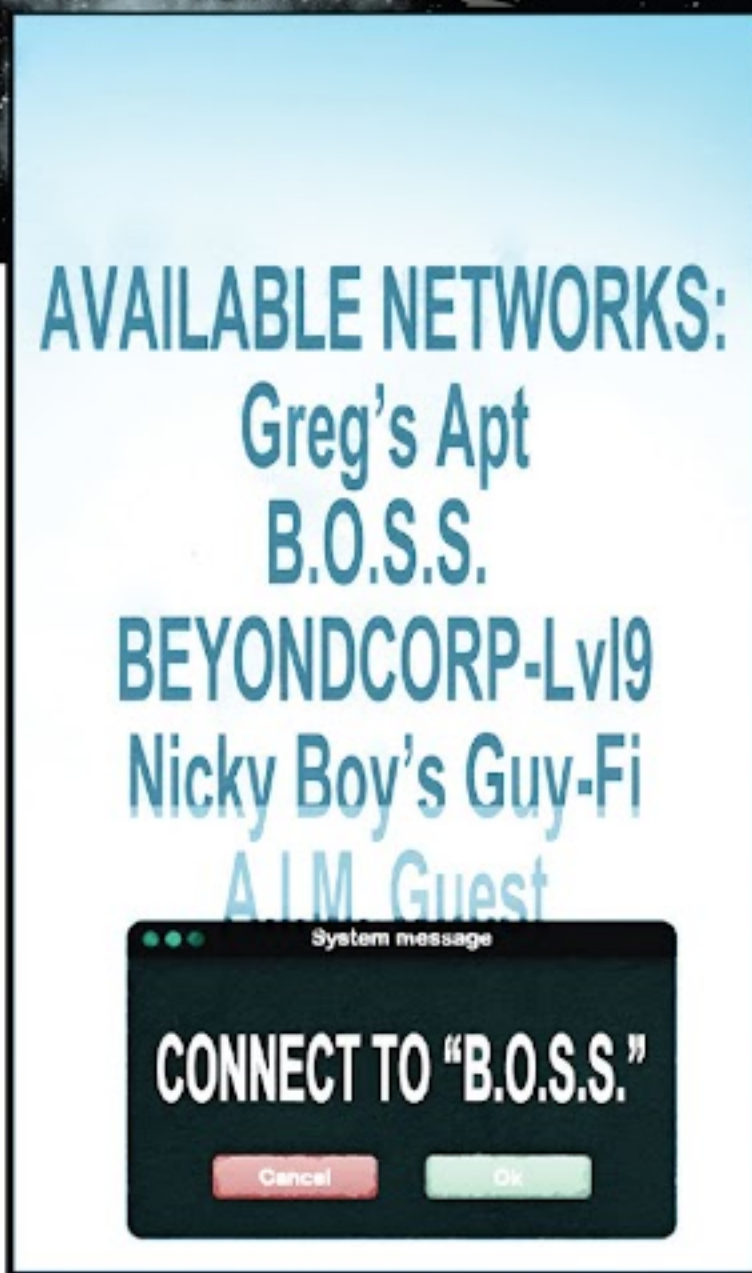
NO. HE DOESN'T **NEED FIXING**. HE **NEEDS...**AND HE **LOVES...ME**.



BUT WHAT **DO I NEED?**





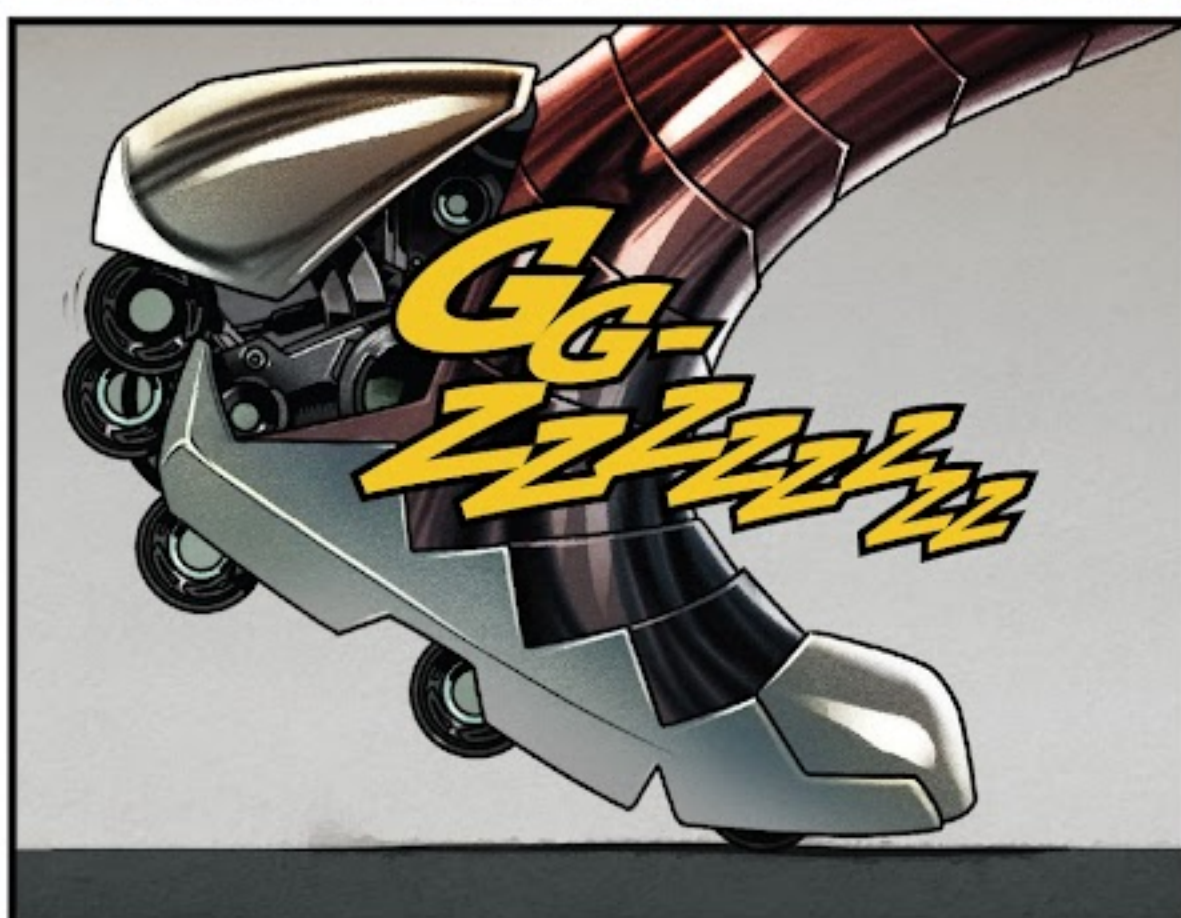
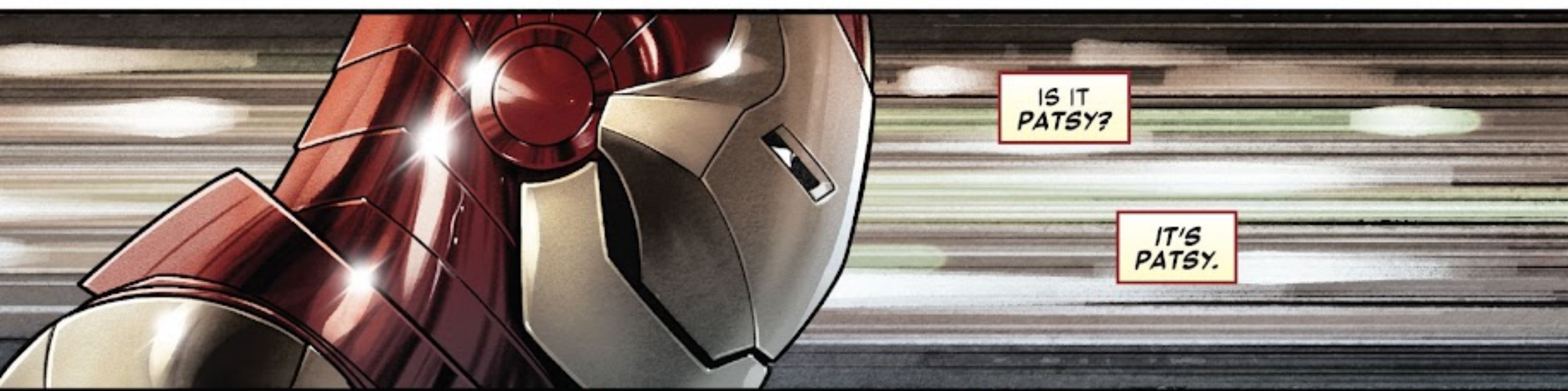
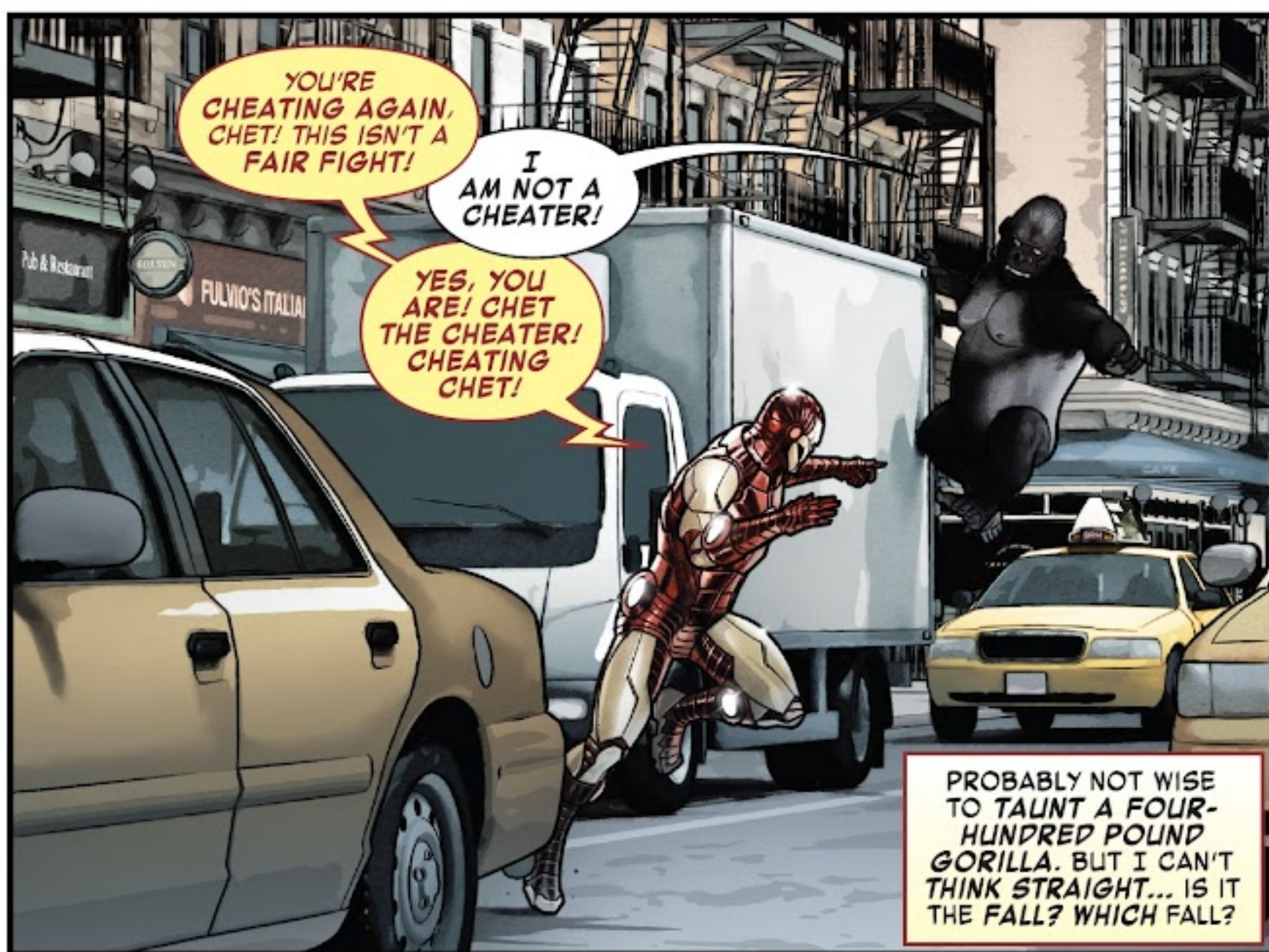




YOU'RE INSANE...

INSANE?! IF AMBITION BE DEEMED INSANITY, THEN YOU, SIR--





OKAY. THESE ARE
FUN. I SHOULD
USE THESE MORE.



AH, I SEE!
HOW ABOUT A
LITTLE ROMAN
HOLIDAY,
STARK?

AAAAH!



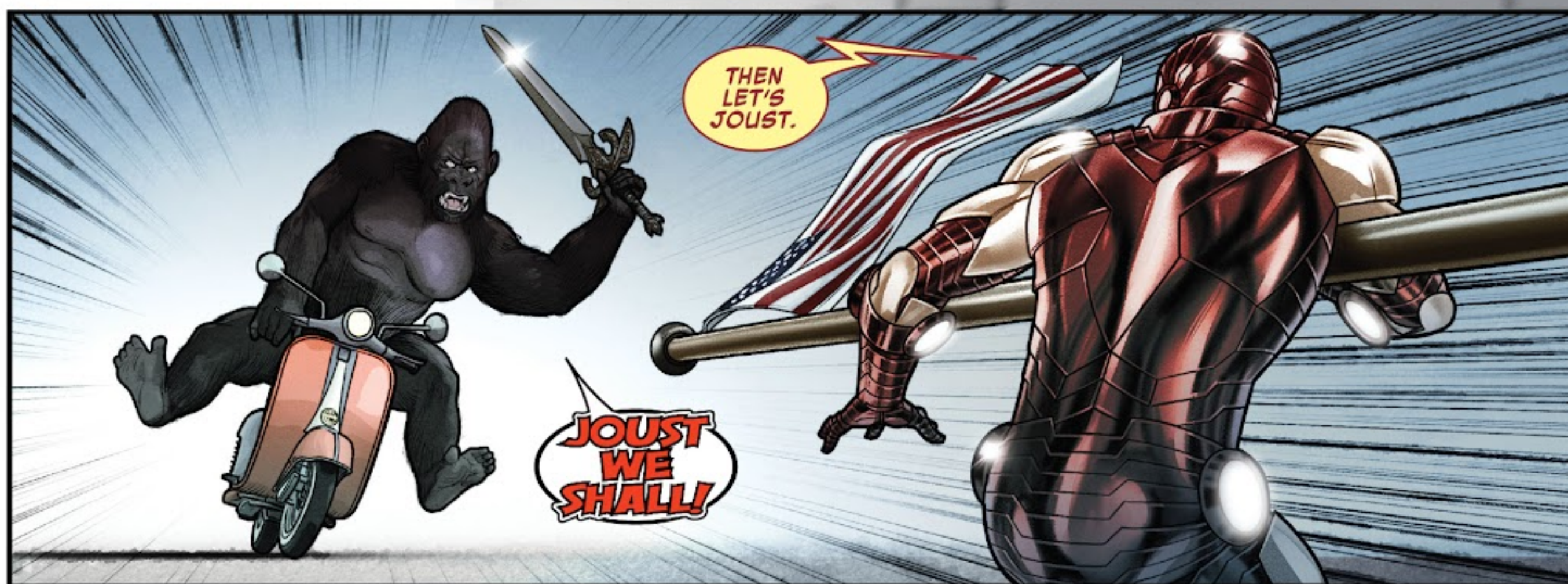
I DO LOVE HIM.
AND MORE THAN
BUZZ BAXTER OR
DAIMON HELLSTROM
EVER WERE...*



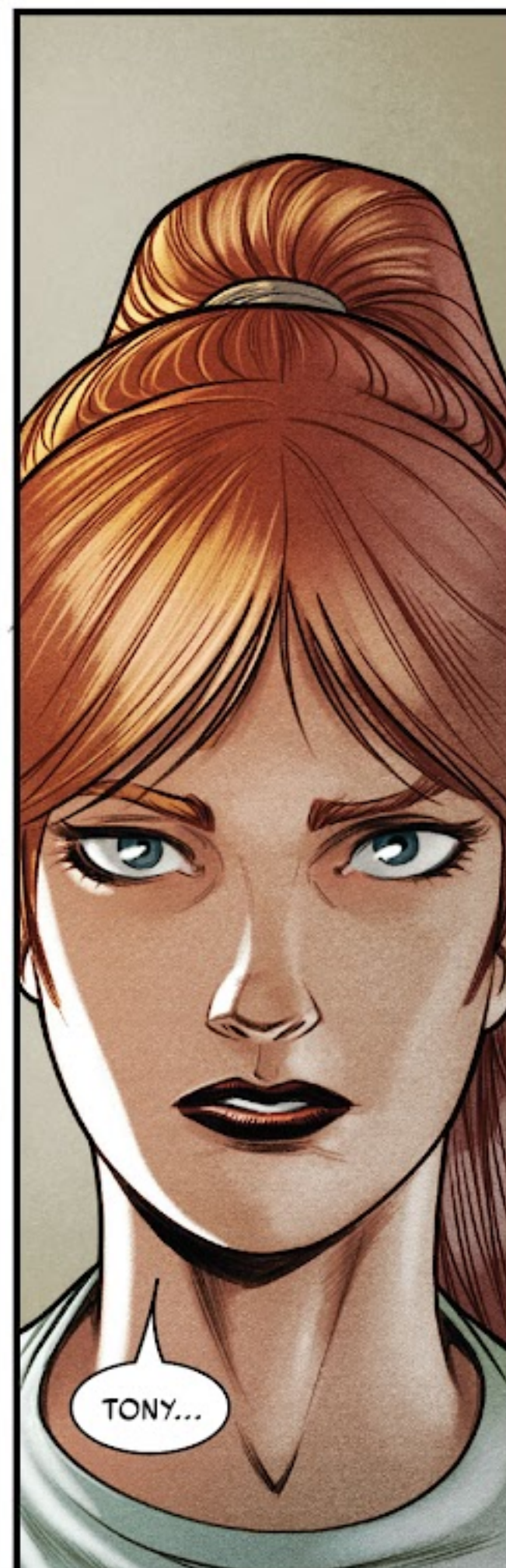
*PATSY'S EVIL
EX-HUSBANDS.
--TOM

...TONY STARK IS
A GROWN-UP.











NEXT

IRON MAN #21

IRON MAN/HELLCAT ANNUAL #1



Tony has to hunt down an expert survivalist who's carrying dangerous weapons plans in the middle of nowhere... and survive the experience. Is his technological prowess any match for another man's elemental mastery of the wild? It's Iron Man versus nature. And introducing a new villain...Switchback!

Hellcat travels to San Francisco to get her house in order... only this house is an aging Victorian manor left to her by her mother Dorothy. The house and its secrets will reunite Patsy with old friends like Hedy Wolfe—as well as others she'd hoped to leave dead and buried. When a supernatural crisis arises, will Hellcat and Iron Man combined be enough to beat back the flames of Hell itself?!

